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Hilo Opens Courthouse Doors to Community

The Hawai'i State Judiciary is hosting a Law Day program from Noon to 1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 1, 2003, in Courtroom #1, 75 Aupuni Street, Hilo State Office Building. The free event is open to the public.

The program will feature the video, "Broken Scales: Justice Under Influence." Through a role-playing scenario, the video depicts a man's journey through a nightmare world where one of the cornerstones of democracy - judicial independence - has crumbled. He is awakened to a new understanding of and greater appreciation for an independent judiciary, one that is free of outside influences.

Following the video presentation, a panel of judges will be available to answer questions about the judiciary and about judicial independence.

Law Day is a national event held each year on or around May 1 to increase public awareness about the American heritage of liberty under the law.

For more information about the event, please contact Wes Suwa at 961-7431.

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